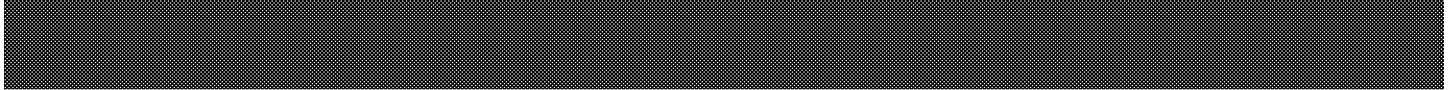


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**Subject:** Morning Consult Energy: Toyota Recalls 1 Million Hybrid Vehicles Over Electrical Defect That Poses Fire Risk



By Jacqueline Toth

## Top Stories

- Toyota Motor Corp. said it is recalling more than 1 million 2016-18 model-year Prius and C-HR crossover vehicles because of problems with the cars' electrical systems that subject them to wear, posing a fire risk. The recall impacts about 192,000 Prius vehicles in the United States, and Toyota said it will contact U.S. owners of affected cars by mail late this month. (The Wall Street Journal)

- The Environmental Protection Agency made last-minute deletions of over 500 words highlighting the consequences of climate change from the regulatory impact analysis for its Affordable Clean Energy rule proposal, which would replace the Clean Power Plan, according to internal government documents recently released online. Agency spokeswoman Molly Block acknowledged the revisions but did not explain the rationale. ([Bloomberg](#))
- Vincent DeVito, who stepped down as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's energy counselor in mid-August, will join independent oil and gas company Cox Oil Offshore LLC as executive vice president and general counsel. At Interior, DeVito worked to update federal royalty rates and federal permitting rules and was involved in endangered species regulation. ([The Hill](#))

## Chart Review

Why red and blue states divide over green policy  
CNN

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## Events Calendar (All Times Local)

### WEDNESDAY

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	7:30 a.m.
2018 Future Power Markets Summit	9 a.m.

National Press Club conversation with Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas)	9:30 a.m.
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation executive session on fishing legislation and several nominees	10 a.m.
Nuclear Industry Council briefing on the U.S. nuclear fleet	11:30 a.m.
Environmental Protection Agency PFAS Community Engagement	1 p.m.
Great Lakes Commission and Northeast Midwest Institute briefing on Great Lakes green infrastructure	2:30 p.m.
National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration event on nuclear security	3 p.m.
Young Conservatives for Energy Reform & Christian Coalition Conservative Clean Energy Summit	5 p.m.

## **THURSDAY**

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
Environmental Business Council New England Rhode Island program on PCBs	7:30 a.m.
Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	8 a.m.
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse speak at Bipartisan Policy Center and The Hill event	8 a.m.
Young Conservatives for Energy Reform & Christian Coalition Conservative Clean Energy Summit	9 a.m.
American Enterprise Institute panel on implementing the Paris agreement	9:30 a.m.
House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee hearing on perfluorinated chemicals	10 a.m.
House Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on federal land bills	10 a.m.

House Intergovernmental Affairs and Interior, Energy and Environment Subcommittees hearing on permitting	10 a.m.
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative event on carbon trading in the states	10 a.m.
Senate Environment and Public Works confirmation hearing on nominee for the Northern Border Regional Commission	10 a.m.
National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration event on nuclear security	11 a.m.
House Oversight and Government Reform hearing on federal disaster response and recovery	1 p.m.
U.S. Energy Association briefing on the Affordable Clean Energy Rule	2 p.m.

## **FRIDAY**

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	7:30 a.m.
Federal Reserve Banks of Dallas and Kansas City joint conference on global oil market dynamics	7:30 a.m.
House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on water resources projects and policy	9 a.m.
Young Conservatives for Energy Reform & Christian Coalition Conservative Clean Energy Summit	9 a.m.

## **CSR & Political Activism in the Trump Era**

How to avoid a firestorm and improve your brand's reputation.

### **General**

Climate skeptic to join NSC, advise Trump on emerging technologies

**Miranda Green, The Hill**

President Trump is appointing William Happer, a well-known climate skeptic, to his National Security Council (NSC).

FEMA Was Overwhelmed by Hurricanes and Wildfires in 2017, GAO Says

**Erin Ailworth, The Wall Street Journal**

The back-to-back devastation of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, followed by catastrophic wildfires in California, overwhelmed federal disaster responders in 2017, according to a government report released Tuesday.

Wildlife advocates fear Trump administration is de-clawing Endangered Species Act

**David Goldstein, McClatchy DC**

Currently, species listed as "threatened" via the ESA - such as the murrelet and the pond turtle - are granted the same safeguards as those that are considered "endangered." The Trump administration has signaled it wants to prohibit that practice.

Court walks back order, won't immediately require EPA to enforce chemical plant safety rule

**Timothy Cama, The Hill**

A federal court on Tuesday walked back its previous order that sought to force the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to immediately start enforcing a major Obama administration regulation on the safety of chemical plants and similar facilities.

Oil drops toward \$77 as U.S. storm threat eases

**Alex Lawler, Reuters**

Oil extended losses on Wednesday, falling toward \$77 a barrel, as a tropical storm hitting the U.S. Gulf coast weakened, offsetting support from forecasts of lower U.S. inventories and sanctions against Iran.

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## Oil and Natural Gas

**PE-Backed Flywheel Buys Southwestern Shale Biz For \$1.9B**  
**Adam Rhodes, Law360**

Natural gas exploration and production company Southwestern Energy Co. on Tuesday said it inked a roughly \$1.87 billion cash deal to sell its Fayetteville, Arkansas, shale business, along with some midstream gathering assets, to private equity-backed Flywheel Energy LLC.

**Mexico's CRE approves first permit for private oil products pipeline**  
**Daniel Rodriguez, Platts**

Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission or CRE has granted the country's first permit to a private company to transport refined products via pipeline, a key step towards enhancing efficiency in the domestic fuel market.

**Exxon reasserts its methane position as EPA preps rollback**  
**Amy Harder, Axios**

The comments, posted Tuesday by the CEO of XTO Energy, an Exxon subsidiary with large U.S. natural-gas operations, illustrate an awkward predicament facing industry under President Trump.

**Energy Transfer, Magellan and more team up for Permian pipeline project**  
**Jordan Blum, Houston Chronicle**

Pipeline giants Energy Transfer Partners, Magellan Midstream Partners and others are teaming up on a new, 600-mile Permian pipeline system to Houston.

**NextDecade hits snag over contractor for LNG export project in Texas**  
**Harry Weber, Platts**

NextDecade will take another year to secure a contractor to build its Rio Grande LNG export terminal in Texas after deciding not to move forward with an agreement with McDermott International.

**Southwestern Energy selling Arkansas shale for \$1.9B**  
**Jordan Blum, Houston Chronicle**

The Spring natural gas producer Southwestern Energy said Tuesday it is selling its core Fayetteville shale assets in Arkansas for nearly \$1.9 billion in cash to a private equity-backed startup.



### Dirty secrets: tainted shipping fuel sparks calls for tighter quality control

**Roslan Khasawneh, Reuters**

A wave of contaminated fuel that has clogged and damaged engines on hundreds of oil tankers and container vessels in the past months has pushed shippers to demand stricter quality controls around the world.

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## Utilities and Infrastructure

### ISO-NE proposes market bridge to valuing fuel security

**Gavin Bade, Utility Dive**

ISO-New England filed proposed interim revisions to its capacity market rules with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Friday, seeking to preserve market operations as it designs new compensation mechanisms for fuel secure resources.

### California Utility Frets on Fire Costs as State Dodges Action

**Romy Varghese, Bloomberg**

As California's lawmakers debated late Friday night under the statehouse capitol dome in Sacramento, the city's utility district kept the lights on for them. But the legislators fell short for the electricity provider.

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## Renewables

### Mercedes Unveils First Tesla Rival in \$12 Billion Attack

**Christoph Rauwald, Bloomberg**

Mercedes-Benz, the world's largest maker of luxury cars, is rolling out its first in a series of battery-powered models, adding to a growing array of high-end brands targeting Tesla Inc.

### Residential Energy Storage Surging, No Longer Just a 'Cool Toy'

**Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg**

Consumers installed home batteries with 57.5 megawatt-hours of storage capacity last quarter, according to a report Wednesday from the Energy Storage Association and Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables.

### AAA's big move into electric vehicles

**David Ferris, E&E News**

One of the country's biggest experiments in electric vehicles is about to be launched, not by Uber or Tesla, but by AAA, the straight-laced organization best known for its auto insurance and roadside mechanics.

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## **Coal**

### Georgia Power to excavate two more coal ash ponds

**Catherine Morehouse, Utility Dive**

Georgia Power is "completely excavating" and closing two coal ash ponds at its Branch and Bowen coal plants, the utility announced Thursday, part of its larger plan to close 29 such facilities across the state.

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## **Nuclear**

### SCANA sale clears another hurdle, shifting focus to SC regulators

**John McDermott, The Post and Courier**

The proposed sale of SCANA Corp. cleared its last hurdle at the federal level, placing the fate of the deal with Dominion Energy Inc. in the hands of state regulators.

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## **Climate**

### Greener growth could add \$26 trillion to world economy by 2030: study

**Alister Doyle and Nina Chestney, Reuters**

Strong action to combat climate change could cumulatively add at least \$26 trillion to the world economy by 2030, according to a study on Wednesday which seeks to dispel fears that a shift from fossil fuels will undermine growth.

### Climate Envoys Seek Successor to \$33 Billion UN Carbon Market

**Mathew Carr, Bloomberg**

After the United Nations's first attempt to build a global carbon market fizzled from \$33 billion to almost nothing, climate envoys from nearly 200 countries are meeting in Bangkok this week to give it another go.

The Country's First Climate Change Casualties?

**Elaina Plott, Pacific Standard Magazine**

Back in 2015, the science journal Nature ran a study warning of Tangier's demise at the hands of sea-level rise due to climate change. The dire findings caught the attention of climate scientists and, of course, the island's residents themselves, most of whom were skeptical.

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## Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Cyberthreats require strengthened standards, increased government collaboration

**Brien J. Sheahan and Robert F. Powelson, Utility Dive**

Recent confirmation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that Russian hackers targeted the control rooms of the nation's public utilities underscores the vulnerability of our critical infrastructure and the urgency to address this susceptibility in a coordinated and comprehensive way.

Reverse EPA proposal based on trumped-up 'secret science' claim

**Sherwood Boehlert, The Hill**

Scott Pruitt has been ousted as head of the Environmental Protection Agency, but what may be the most damaging aspect of his legacy still looms. EPA is still considering Pruitt's proposed rule to limit what science the agency can take into account when deciding whether and how to protect the public from pollution.

Using Wildfires as an Excuse to Plunder Forests

**Chad T. Hanson and Michael Brune, The New York Times**

President Trump recently blamed environmental protections for the loss of homes and lives in wildfires in California, and followed up that groundless suggestion by strongly implying that increased logging could protect rural towns from these conflagrations.

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## Research Reports

### 2017 Hurricanes and Wildfires: Initial Observations on the Federal Response and Key Recovery Challenges

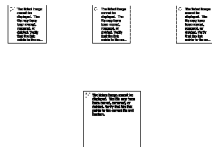
**U.S. Government Accountability Office**

The federal government provided significant support to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, but faced numerous challenges that complicated response efforts. FEMA efforts in Puerto Rico alone were the largest and longest single response in the agency's history.

### Setting with the Sun: The Impacts of Renewable Energy on Wholesale Power Markets

**James Bushnell, Kevin Novan, The National Bureau of Economic Research**

While previous empirical work explores the economic and environmental impacts of renewable production, the focus has exclusively been on the short-run impacts of expanding renewable supply. In this paper, we shed light on the longer run impacts of renewable expansions.



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